

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE CHINA.

The Rebel Steamer Southerner.

The Correspondence between Mr. Mason and Mr. Conway.

Another Interview of Slidell with the French Emperor.

Rumors of a Renewed Offer of French Mediation.

Warlike Aspect of the Polish Question.

Semi-Official Papers of France in Favor of Armed Intervention.

OPENING OF THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT.

The Cunard Mail Steamer China, Capt. Anderson, which left Liverpool at 10:30 on the morning of the 20th, and Queenstown on the morning of the 21st June, arrived here yesterday, and the North American, from Liverpool on the 18th, via Londonerry on the 19th inst., passed Farther Point at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, en route for Quebec.

Great Britain.

It was reported that the Galway contract had at length been signed.

The Liverpool Post says: The steamer Southerner, about which so much has been said and done at Hartlepool, has arrived in the Mersey. Externally, she fully bears out the rakin character that was given her there, being a low, sharp vessel, and one built apparently for speed. She has come round here to load for Nassau. The fact of her name in the first place, her owners (Messrs. Fraser, Trelawny & Co.) in the second; and her Captain (Buttuck), an old Confederate, in the third, is quite sufficient to transfer the vigilance with which she was watched in the Tees to the Mersey."

A requisition to the Lord Mayor was in consequence of signature in the City of London, urging his Lordship to call and preside over a public meeting to petition Parliament to promote the restoration of peace in America.

The London Times has an editorial on the peace meeting recently held at New York under the auspices of Fernando Wood and others. The Times sees in the meeting some reason for thinking that the civil war may be touching its close, but at the same time admits that it is a very doubtful question. It remarks that if the meeting should prove insufficient to liberate opinion, we may perhaps wonder six weeks hence, whether the strength of the war party could ever have lain—just as in France, after the fall of Robespierre, people asked each other, who could have been the Jacobin. There is everything except the uncertainty of American policy, to make us regard such an event as probable. It would almost seem that the President himself would have no objection to peace if he knew how to reach it. Perhaps this meeting may show him the way. If an armistice were proclaimed, we believe that neither party would be in a hurry to renew the war, and the desire of peace would supply the two Governments with the strongest motive for coming to reasonable terms of separation.

Mr. Spence, of Liverpool, the Financial Agent of the Secessionists, has responded to the London Times. He contends that little or nothing has yet been effected in the work of subduing the South, expatiates on what the Southerners have done in the field, and asserts that a policy of expansion is likely to be more damaging to the North than the South. He holds out a gloomy prospect for the North if the struggle is allowed to go on for another year.

The Army and Navy Gazette thinks it is no use being impatient, as the civil war will last a long time yet. As to Gen. Lee marching on Washington it thinks he has more likely taken back power to his own capital, as he must know that Washington can not be taken by a coup d'etat.

In the House of Commons on the 18th, Mr. W. E. Forster gave notice that he should move an amendment to Mr. Hennessy's projected motion with respect to Poland which would make the resolution as follows: "That this House thanks her Majesty for communicating the correspondence on the affairs of Poland and learns with regret that the Emperor of Russia has proceeded to the stipulations of the treaty of Vienna to which Great Britain is concerned with the other Great Powers. Was a party, and to the Emperor of Russia that in consequence of the violation of the stipulations of this treaty Great Britain is freed from the contract therein concluded."

Lord Palmerston in reply to Sir M. Peto said, that Government would introduce a bill on the subject of a loan for fortifications, and he would then state its intentions with respect to the suspended fort of Szymbark.

The bill making provision for the prosecution of public works in the manufacturing districts, as a means of relieving the distress, was debated at some length, and finally passed to a second reading. The expediency of encouraging emigration was largely dwelt upon by some speakers.

Poland.

The diplomatic notes upon the Polish question addressed to Russia by the three Powers were addressed to St. Petersburg on the 18th.

The Paris *Post* publishes an article reviewing the atrocities committed by the Russians in Poland, and declaring that no honor can be entertained of any benefit arising from diplomacy. The writer calls upon France in conjunction with other friendly nations to intervene actively for the re-establishment of an independent Poland.

The insurrection was increasing in Volhynia, but the peasantry remained passive.

It is asserted that the Russian Government evinced a spirit of conciliation, and its desire to recast the notes of the three Powers favorably, but, however, great preparations continued to be made at Cronstadt and other naval and military arsenals, and, according to some rumors, the Russian reply was likely to be unfavorable.

Schleswig-Holstein.

In the Federal Diet at Frankfort the Special Committee on the Affairs of Holstein brought in their report proposing that the Danish Government should be requested to withdraw its ordinance of the 30th March. The Danish representative of the Diet demanded in a protest against the report of the Committee that the Diet upon the 7th July.

It is asserted that the British Government will be prepared to act with energy in case German troops march into Holstein, and France will act with Great Britain. A strong naval demonstration at the mouth of the Elbe, is spoken of.

India.

Calcutta, letters of May 15, and Bombay May 24, have arrived.

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India had sent out telegraphic orders to the Government of Bombay, to forth Bombay harbor without delay, and put it in a complete state of defense.

The experiment made with Peruvian cotton seed at Calcutta in November last, has proved a failure.

The plants appeared for a time healthy and promising, but were entirely destroyed by worms.

The cotton crop was pouring into the market at Bombay, but it will be impossible to bring in what is now in transit before the rains.

The prize offered by the Bombay Government for cotton, have been without any effect, and the Government now states that the realization on good prices on the spot, appears the best and most acceptable reward to the producers.

Levant—Via Queenstown.

LONDON, Sunday morning, June 21, 1863.—Consequently official hours yesterday closed at 2:30 to 4:30. Trading Co 12 to 2. New Financial Co. flat. On the Bourne Keno opened 68 francs, 45 centimes. Forty to fifty guineas premium was paid yesterday on the "Caledonia," belonging to Liverpool, from Oporto, now several days overdue, having sailed on the 8th inst. She has five hundred head of cattle on board and a general cargo.

A Cabinet Council was held yesterday evening.

An influential deputation had waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer respecting a postal service between Australia and Panama.

Lord Echo will move the rejection of the vote for the purchase of the Exhibition Building.

Mr. Oswald Smith, of the firm of Smith, Payne & Co., banker, has died suddenly while walking in his garden.

Warily rumors, arising out of the Polish question, are again prevalent in Paris. Several Russian papers fully anticipate war.

Mr. Alfred is quoted as a Knight of the Garde.

The steam fire engine Manhattan, which arrived from New-York, per Great Eastern, along with a delegation from the New-York Fire Department, was to be exhibited in Liverpool on the day the China sailed. It was to go thence to the Crystal Palace, London.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MR. MASON AND MR. CONWAY.

The London *Times* publishes the following correspondence:

As part of the political history of the times, the correspondence transcribed herewith may have sufficient significance to interest your readers.

I enclose to you, accordingly for a place in your columns, a copy of my recent letter to Mr. Mason.

J. M. MASON.

No. 24 Upper Seymour Street, Portman Square, June 16, 1863.

Six: I have authority to make the following proposition on behalf of the leading Anti-Slavery men of America, who have sent me to this country.

If the States calling themselves "the Confederate States of America" will consent to emancipate the negro slaves in

these States, such recognition to be guaranteed by a liberal compensation, the emancipation to be inaugurated at once and such time to be allowed for its completion as the commissioners may see fit—the irreconcileable—the Abolitionists and Anti-Slavery leaders of the Northern States, and United States Government, and, since they hold the balance of power, will certainly cause the way to cease by the immediate withdrawal of every kind of support from them.

I know that you will consider this a propitious time, but meanwhile I beg to be informed of your early convenience whether you will personally lend your influence in favor of a cessation of peace and the independence of the South upon the simple basis of the emancipation of slaves.

As far as my own responsibility and my right to make this offer shall be forthcoming,

I am, sir, yours &c., MONGUER D. CONWAY.

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